



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

APRIL 2003



Recruit School 7

(Left to Right)

Front Row: Nicole Carter, Heather Gardner, Amiee Flook and Nicole Hankin.

Middle Row: Chris Frank, J. C. Blaylock, Vicki Parker, Chris Turnbow and Scott Lantz.

Last Row: Boyd Morris, David Peary, Nicholas Cornwell and Chris Rutter.

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Loudoun County Fire-Rescue Services

Employee Receives Award

The Loudoun County Department of Fire-Rescue Services is pleased to announce that Captain Jan Mitchell of the Fire Marshal's Office was presented with the Governor's 2002 Virginia Fire Services Award for Excellence in Virginia Fire Prevention. Recognizing her outstanding work in fire prevention, the award was presented to Captain Mitchell on Friday, February 21 during the Opening Ceremonies of the 2003 Virginia Fire Chiefs Association's Mid-Atlantic Expo and Symposium by Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall.

"This a tremendous honor for Captain Mitchell as well as the Loudoun County Department of Fire-Rescue Services," stated Loudoun County Chief Fire Marshal Jeff Flippo. "For her continued dedication and professionalism in the field of fire prevention, Captain Mitchell is to be commended."

The Governor's Virginia Fire Services Awards honor dedication and commitment to Virginia's fire service community. Awards were presented in each of the following eight categories: Excellence in Fire Service Training, Excellence in Virginia Fire and Life Safety Education, Excellence in Virginia Fire Services, Excellence in Virginia Fire Service Management, Excellence in Virginia Fire Prevention, Excellence in Private Sector Virginia Fire Services Support, Outstanding Fire Department Response, and Civilian Lifesaving Award.

Congratulations to Jan!



Captain Jan Mitchell of the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office.

Heritage Hall

February 22, 2003 presented unique challenges for the Department of Fire and Rescue Services. As heavy rain fell throughout the Mid-Atlantic States and with the remaining snowfall from the proceeding week, the elements took their toll on various structures throughout the County. Heritage Hall Healthcare, located at 122 Morven Park Road in Leesburg was the first facility to call for assistance.

The facility staff was faced with a leaking roof causing ceiling panel collapse, electrical hazards with water running through receptacles, and occupant safety concerns as portions of the building became unsafe. Upon arrival, Chief Tom Goss (Company 1) quickly sized-up the hazardous conditions and immediately called for additional resources. Approximately 162 occupants would need a new home for the evening.

The need to immediately protect-in-place was critical until plans could be made for occupant removal. Occupants were removed from the damaged/jeopardized areas of the building to areas where their safety was assured. During this stage, Chief Tom Goss (Company 1), Chief Rick DiZerega (Company 13), Chief Robert Griffin (LCFR), Kevin Johnson (Office of Emergency Management-LCFR), and Lieutenant Chris Krueger (Company 1) formulated a plan for occupant transfer.

Ambulatory occupants were



Maintaining occupant accountability was crucial for all organizations involved.



Occupants are assisted to the buses for transport to Station 1.

to be transported by bus to the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company, Station 1. This was not a permanent facility, but used as a median until necessary planning was finalized. Organizations such as the American Red Cross, Area Office on Aging, the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company and the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad auxiliary members accommodated facility and occupant needs throughout their stay at Station 1. Units from Company 1, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 15/25, 17, and LCFR were actively involved with direct interaction or filling-in at respective stations. Other key personnel provided and filled crucial roles for a successful outcome. *Submitted by Kevin Stiles, LCFR*

MAY 2003

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Company 15	2	3
4	5 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	6	7 Companies 13 & 17	8	9	10
11 Company 14	12 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	13 Rescue Chiefs	14 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	15 Annual Fire-Rescue Service Awards Banquet	16	17
18	19 Company 1 ALS Committee	20 EMS Council	21 Fire Council	22	23	24
25	26 Companies 4 & 8	27 Fire-Rescue Commission	28	29	30	31

SCHEDULED TRAINING

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider
Class #4-May 10, 2003

Hazardous Materials Operations
April 1-24, 2003



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**Challenge Exercises
Recruit School # 7
March 12, 2003**

Recruit School # 7 finished up an action packed final week of recruit school with the traditional challenge day/night exercises. The exercises started at noon, and ran through 9:30 p.m.. There were 6 different crews that were comprised of a field officer, field technician or driver, and a crew of recruits. Along with the engine and ambulance from the training center, the rest of the equipment was from the volunteer stations in the county. The volunteer chiefs are always very good about letting us use their equipment for training.

The 6 crews consisted of the following personnel:

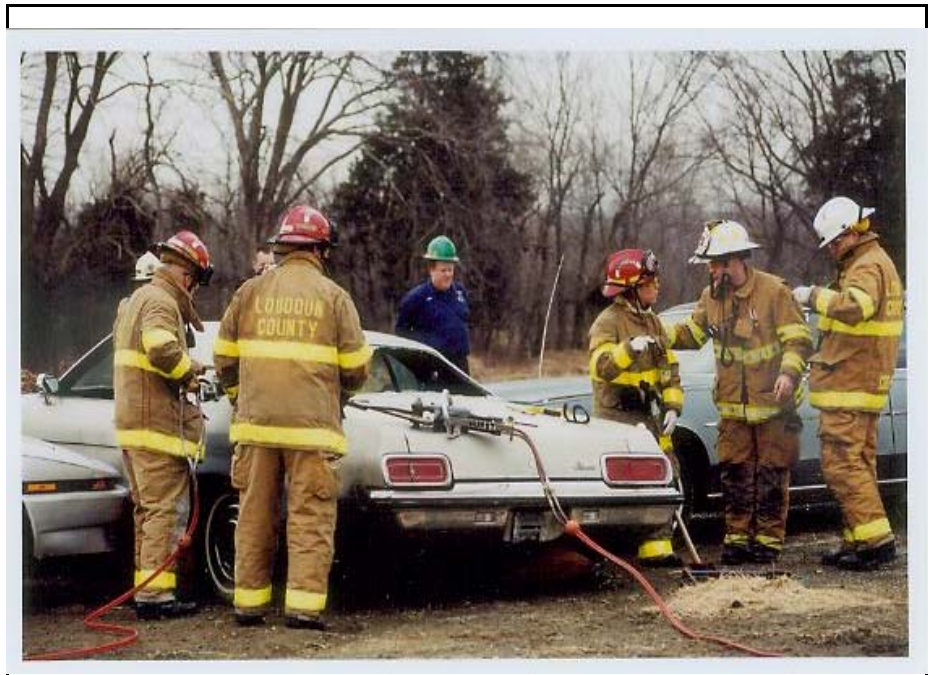
Engine 99/Ambulance 99
Officer Tech. Jamie Cooper
Driver FF Scott Stonesifer
Recruit Peary
Recruit Gardner

Wagon 1/Ambulance 13
Officer Lt. Sean Scott
Driver FF Brent Harne
Recruit Rutter
Recruit Flook

Rescue Engine 6/Ambulance 6
Officer Lt. Joe Zavatson
Driver FF Mike Kehne
Recruit Morris
Recruit Turnbow

Engine 5 /Ambulance 14
Officer Lt. Nick Pierson
Driver FF Scott Lambert
Recruit Hankin
Recruit Lantz

Wagon 4/Ambulance 15
Officer Lt. Jeremy Gay
Driver FF Adam Hopkins
Recruit Cornwell
Recruit Parker



Quint 18
Officer Captain Kevin Wright
Driver FF G.G. Gregg
Recruit Blaylock
Recruit Carter
Recruit Frank

The purpose of the challenge exercises is to see how the recruits will perform under the direct supervision of field officers while performing simulated fire and EMS scenarios. There

were a total of 10 scenarios, which included an auto fire, drowning, stabbing, house fire, heart attack, diabetic emergency, apartment fire with downed firefighters, auto accident with a fly out, and a mass casualty incident involving 15 students on a school bus. Battalion Chiefs Scott Cullers and Pat Brandenburg also participated in the exercises and actually responded to

CAD STREETS

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Angelique Dr	Legacy Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Arbor View Dr	Legacy Park Dr	Brambleton	9	9	9-0
Bankfield Dr	Stumptown Rd	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Barlow Dr	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Carrleigh Ct	Ashburn Rd	Canterbury	6	6	6-7
Chamberlin Tr	Gloucester Pkwy	Ashburn Village	6	6	6-7
Clifford Ct	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Cotter Ct	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Cricket Ln	Laycock St N	Hamilton	5	17	5-11
Dutton Ct	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Grouse Tr	Riverpointe Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Heron Meadow Ln	Woodgrove Rd	Kittka Family	4	4	4-4
Lastos Ct	Barlow Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Nichols Farm Wy	Watson Heights Cir	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0
Nicholson Farm Ln	Shoemaker School Rd	Nicholson Farm	8	14	8-3
Over Reach Ct	Kingsport Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	1	13	1-13
Pileated Tr	Riverpointe Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Rocky Creek Dr	Riverside Pkwy	Lansdowne on the Potomac	1	13	1-13
Rocky Ridge Ct	Riverside Pkwy	Lansdowne on the Potomac	1	13	1-13
Rosedown Ct	Leith Ln	Barber & Ross Property	8	3	8-14
Siltstone Sq	Fremont Preserve Sq	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Smith Ferry Sq	Riverpointe Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Stone Fence Tr	Grouse Tr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Tesla Ct	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Tow Path Tr	Riverpointe Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Watson Heights Cir	Airmont Hunt Dr	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-0

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incidents where battalion chiefs would normally get dispatched and set up command. All communications were handled by actual dispatchers, and communications were done on the 800 mhz. radios. Chris Barry handled the planning and logistics for communications.

All in all it was a good day weather wise, numerous family members of the recruits came out and observed the actions of their loved ones. Medstar was part of one of the scenarios and landed on the grassy area near the fuel pumps, simulating a victim that needed to be air lifted from an auto accident. There was a simulated hospital along with plenty food and drinks for re-hab.

Submitted by J. Bailey, LCFR



Loudoun County Fire-Rescue Dispatcher Bentz Rhoads receives a Certificate of Appreciation and a Stork Lapel Pin from PIO Mary Maguire on behalf of Chief Griffin for assisting a 911 caller in the delivery of a baby. Congratulations Bentz!

Recruit School 7 Graduation March 14, 2003

Recruit School # 7 held their graduation exercise on Friday evening March 14 at Heritage High School in Leesburg. The graduation marked the end of 20 weeks of recruit training. The school started on October 10, 2002, and was marked by rain, snow, ice and cold temperatures. Firefighter Chris Frank was chosen by the class as the sergeant-at-arms. Firefighter David Peary was awarded the top recruit. Class spokesperson Vicki Parker gave the class comments. Numerous family members of the new firefighters were in attendance as well as county dignitaries, county chiefs, field officers and firefighters. Chief Michael Player from the York County Fire and Rescue was the guest speaker. Chief Bob Griffin and Commission Chairman Doug Rambo also spoke during the night. The new firefighters were sworn in by the chief deputy clerk of the court, and presented with their diplomas and new fire helmets. The evening was capped off by refreshments in the cafeteria. The assignments for the new firefighters are:

J.C. Blaylock-Fire Station 10
Nicole Carter-Fire Station 4
Nicholas Cornwell-Fire Station 4
Amiee Flook-Fire Station 12
Chris Frank-Fire Station 3
Heather Gardner-Fire Station 19
Nicole Hankin-Fire Station 11
Scott Lantz-Fire Station 9
Boyd Morris-Fire Station 3
Vicki Parker-Fire Station 7
David Peary-Fire Station 19
Chris Rutter-Fire Station 9
Chris Turnbow-Fire Station 5

Submitted by Jeff Bailey, LCFR

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**Loudoun County
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Allie Love
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**Bob Griffin, Chief,
Loudoun County
Department of
Fire & Rescue Services**

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Board of Supervisor**

**Donald A. Sabella, M.D.,
Medical Director**

Fire Fighter Patti Collins of LCFR operates a water vacuum to perform salvage operations after the Sterling day staff extinguished this Thanksgiving day oven fire. The fire spread was limited to only a small area of the wall and cabinets but the turkey was a complete lost.

Photo Courtesy of George Short and Submitted by David Short, Co.11

Advise New Members How to Obtain Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

The only responsibility of the volunteer is to have their photograph taken by the Communications Division staff. Call the Communication's Center at 703-777-0637 prior to coming to the center to ensure the dispatchers are not too busy. You will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to your company President.